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Sociology (M.S.)

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Program Information

Masters students receive advanced training in theory, methods, and the practical application of sociological knowledge. At South Dakota State University, master's students may choose from two academic tracks: thesis, and non-thesis options. Students traveling down the thesis and non-thesis tracks take advanced courses in sociological theory and methods; only the details vary. Students opting for the applied option specialize in community development. The thesis and non-thesis options are detailed in [A Guidebook to the Thesis and Non-Thesis Masters Programs in Sociology](#). Information on graduate assistantships is also available.

Available Options for Graduate Degrees

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|-------------------|----------|
| Master of Science | Option A |
| | Option B |
| | Option C |

Core Requirements

- [SOC 790 - Seminar](#) Credits: 1
- [SOC 701 - The Research Process](#) Credits: 3
- [SOC 702 - Sociological Inquiry](#) Credits: 3
- [SOC 709 - Evaluation Research](#) Credits: 3
- SOC Research and Theory Elective Credits: 6-12
 - Option A Credits: 6
 - Option B Credits :6
 - Option C Credits: 12
- SOC Elective Credits: 9-13
 - Option A Credits: 9
 - Option B Credits: 13
 - Option C Credits: 13
- [SOC 798 - Thesis](#)

(Option A) Credits: 5
- [SOC 788 - Master's Research Problems/Projects](#) (Option B) Credits: 3

Total Credits: 30 (Option A), 32 (Option B), 35 (Option C)

Additional Admission Requirements

GRE: Required

TOEFL: Department requirement of 100 Internet-based

IELTS: 7.0

Each applicant should have two signed letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the student's academic record as part of the graduate school application process. In addition, we highly recommend that interested applicants submit a writing sample (past term paper for example) and a personal statement. The personal statement should outline the applicant's academic goals and describe how those goals connect with SDSU faculty expertise and interests.

General Requirements (Master's Degree)

Graduate students should consult with their advisor before registering for graduate work.

For additional information refer to the [Master's Degree Requirements](#).

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